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ATIC UFO Investigation Capability

SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

1. During July 1960, ATIC participated in a briefing on the Air Force UFO Program for members of several Congressional sub-committees. Following the briefing Mr Robert Smart of the House Armed Services Sub-Committee made several recommendations directed at improving the capability of the Air Force to investigate significant sightings.

2. All of the recommendations that were made with reference to improving the UFO Program have been effected with one exception, the assignment of an additional officer to the UFO Branch to assist with the investigation of reports.

3. ATIC has accomplished what we feel is a better solution to the problem. Rather than utilize one officer full time, a group of four officers have been made available on a priority, on-call basis to assist with the problem. The UFO investigation requirement is cyclic and erratic; therefore, a group of officers can handle the task on a much more expeditious basis than one officer. Further, the officers selected for this duty have backgrounds in physics, chemistry, and electronics, and can be assigned to cases on the basis of apparent educational requirements.

4. It is requested that Mr Robert Smart be advised of this latest action to implement his recommendations.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Philip G. Evans

PHILIP G. EVANS

Colonel, USAF

Deputy for Science and Components

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Robert Friend Major Date *17 March 61*

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Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

Hq, USAF
(AFCIN)

Washington 25, D. C.

1. On 8 December 1960, B/Gen LeBailly, SAFOI, arranged a meeting with Col Hall, Deputy, ACS/I, to discuss recommendations made to the U. S. Air Force by Mr Robert Smart, House Armed Services Sub-Committee. These recommendations were concerned with the investigation of significant sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena. Following the meeting Col Hall instructed Major Friend, AFCIN-4E2x, to prepare a short summary of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Program, and to outline generally what would be required to bring the program in line with Mr Smart's recommendations. This correspondence is a result of those instructions.
2. For the past 13 years, the United States Air Force has been charged with the responsibility for investigating and analyzing reports of sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.
3. Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 14 September 1959, charges ATIC with overall program responsibility as well as specific responsibility for analysis. SAFOI is charged with the associated public relations and SAFLL satisfies Congressional interests. The Air Force Base nearest the location of a specific sighting is responsible for reporting and investigation.
4. In the United States there are more than 50 private unidentified flying object (UFO) organizations. Collectively, these organizations boast more than 500,000 members. For the most part, persons belong to these organizations for either financial gain, religious reasons, pure emotional outlet, ignorance, or possibly to use the organization as a "cold war" tool. The principal claims of these organizations are that unidentified flying objects are interplanetary visitors and that the Air Force is withholding information it has concerning them.
5. The most active and influential of these organizations is the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP). This organization is headed by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, U. S. Marine Corps (Ret). NICAP also claims such men as Vice Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, U.S.N. (Ret), formerly of CIA, and Rear Admiral H. B. Knowles, U.S.N. (Ret) as members of its Board of Governors.
6. Strenuous efforts by Major Keyhoe and others to discredit the Air Force's handling of the UFO Program have resulted in two Congressional

briefings. The first briefing was in the summer of 1958, and the second took place on 15 July 1960. The latter briefing was given to members of the House Armed Services Sub-Committee, House Space and Astronautics Sub-Committee, CIA, and representatives from the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.

7. During the course of the 15 July 1960 briefing Mr Robert Smart of the Armed Services Committee stated that the investigative capability of the Air Force Bases, as currently provided, is limited to routine cases. He further stated that the Air Force should have both sufficient people and funds provided to permit investigation in depth in cases having special significance. Mr Smart requested that he and the other committeemen be kept advised of progress toward this end. He also requested that summaries of all significant cases be forwarded to his office.

8. During the period 12-20 August 1960, a rash of sightings occurred in the Red Bluff, California area. These sightings were handled in a routine manner by the Air Force, but apparently the conclusions did not satisfy the UFO public. In November 1960, these Red Bluff sightings came to the attention of Mr Smart. While querying SAFLL concerning the California sightings, Mr Smart also requested information concerning Air Force progress toward strengthening the UFO Program as proposed during the July briefing. SAFLL advised Mr Smart that the suggested changes had yet to be accomplished.

9. The following resources are available to ATIC for carrying out the UFO mission:

a. The Aerial Phenomena Group monitors the overall program and maintains the project files.

b. The scientific and technical capabilities of ATIC, and in addition, the facilities of ARDC, NASA, FBI and the Bureau of Standards provide assistance with the analysis of reports of sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.

c. Special source information such as missile firing schedules, satellite data, balloon release schedules, special flight information, and weather data is available from the appropriate agency.

d. ATIC contracts the services of Dr J. Allen Hynek, head of the Department of Astronomy of Northwestern University and Director of its Dearborn Observatory, as scientific consultant for the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Program. Dr Hynek's services cost \$3000 per year.

10. To satisfy the proposal outlined by Mr Smart, the following would be required:

a. Assignment of one additional officer to the Aerial Phenomena Group. Present strength is one commissioned officer and one non-commissioned officer.

b. An increase in the services of Dr Hynek at an estimated additional cost of \$1000 per year.

c. Additional travel funds in the amount of \$3000 per year. *predicated on a -*

d. Procurement of a polaroid camera and geiger counter for field investigation work. *predicated on a -*

11. ATIC is attempting to fulfill the responsibilities assigned by AFR 200-2. The proposed increase in scope of UFO investigation and analysis, however, can be adequately accomplished only by the increase of resources as stated.

*PSK
12-27-66*

AFCIN-4E2x/Maj Friend/amc/69216/typed 29 July 60

ATIC Capability for Investigating Sightings of Unidentified
Aerial Phenomena

AFCIN-Pla (L/Col Sullivan)

1. A briefing on the Air Force Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Program was held for members of the House Armed Services Committee, House Space and Astronautics Committee and CIA on 15 July 1960. During the ensuing discussion Mr Robert Smart of the House Armed Forces Committee stated that due to the usually limited technical capability of the Air Force bases, ATIC should conduct the investigations on those cases which give indication of having special significance.
2. The ATIC Aerial Phenomena Group is presently staffed with one commissioned officer and one non-commissioned officer. To adequately conduct the additional function of investigation of significant sightings, this office requires the assignment of an additional officer.
3. It is estimated that it will cost \$3000.00 per year travel funds to implement this capability.
4. The necessary action has been initiated at this level to obtain both the additional personnel and funds required to carry out this operation.

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E2x Robert J. Friend Date 29 July 60

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Aug 2 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

1. On Friday, 15 July, in Secretary Sharp's Conference Room, members of this Directorate, AFCIN and SAFLL briefed the following Congressional Committees on the Air Force's UFO program: the Preparedness Sub-Committee of the US Senate, the Science and Astronautics Committee of the House, and the Armed Services Committee of the House.
2. In addition to personnel from each of these Committees and this headquarters, Dr. Hynek of Northwestern University (our civilian consultant on UFO's) and Major Friend of ATIC attended this briefing.
3. The Congressional Committees involved wanted reassurance from the Air Force concerning our position on unidentified flying objects because they have received a great deal of pressure from constituents advocating public hearings on this subject.
4. All personnel attending the briefing were pleased with the results and the general concensus is that no public hearings will be held in the near future.
5. However, this meeting and the informal discussions which followed revealed the fact that ATIC (Major Friend's office) must have immediate mobility to investigate specific UFO sightings which generate instantaneous press, public and Congressional interest. This mobility will, of course, involve TDY funds for Major Friend or other investigative personnel to visit the scene of a specific sighting and could, I am told, involve the assignment of additional personnel to Major Friend's office. SAFOI, SAFLL, Dr. Hynek and AFCIN-P-1a all concur in this need for immediate mobility in investigating certain specific sightings.
6. Therefore request your office support this recommendation and action be taken as soon as possible to implement this requirement.

ARNO H. LUEHMAN
Major General, USAF
Director of Informationcc: Maj Gen Musgrave, SAFLL
Colonel Sullivan, AFCIN-P-1a
Major Friend, ATIC

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ATIC Capability for Investigating Citings of
Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

AFCIN-P

1. During the week of 11-15 July 1960, meetings were held at Department of Defense (SAFOI-3d, SAFLL, and AFCIN-PLA) concerning status of the Air Force program for investigating and reporting on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena. During the course of these meetings, briefings were given to staff members of the Senate and House Committees concerned with this problem.
2. At a briefing on 13 July 1960, Mr. Stuart French of the Senate Committee on Preparedness pointed out that ATIC should have a capability to investigate those cases which give an indication of having a high intelligence or scientific potential, and also, those which generate an unusual amount of public interest. During the course of a joint briefing of members of the House Armed Services Committee, the House Sciences and Astronautics Committee, CIA, and Office of Secretary of the Air Force on 15 July 1960, Mr. Robert Smart of the Armed Services Committee stated that the investigative capability of Air Force Bases, as currently provided, is limited to routine cases. He further stated that the Air Force should have both the numbers and capability to conduct the UFO operation. This was taken to mean that the Aerial Phenomena Group of ATIC should investigate outstanding cases. An indication of the high priority assigned is the fact that for an interim period, financing of travel in connection with this program was authorized to be made directly from the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.
3. This additional function is estimated to involve 12 to 15 cases each year requiring investigation and subsequent reporting. This represents an outlay of resources not originally programmed and not within the present capability of the Aerial Phenomena Group of ATIC, which is currently staffed with one commissioned officer and one non-commissioned officer. Performance of the function properly would necessitate the assignment of an additional officer and would cost approximately \$3,000 in travel funds.
4. It is requested that the additional personnel and funds be authorized. This request is being routed to AFCIN-P, since the representative at the meetings, Lt. Colonel Sullivan, expressed a willingness to coordinate in securing the additional resources necessary. The officer selected for the

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assignment should be a rated officer and have a scientific background (preferably physics or astronomy). The combined experiences and talents represented by an officer possessing these qualifications would be beneficial to this group in the investigative and analysis phases.

BARTON S. PULLING, Colonel, USAF
Chief of Staff, Aerospace Technical
Intelligence Center

COORDINATION:

Robert Friend Major 4 Aug 60
MAJOR FRIEND, AFCIN-4E2,

R.R. Shoop Col. 4 Aug 60
COLONEL R.R. SHOOP, AFCIN-4E2

P.G. Evans 4 Aug 60
COLONEL P. G. EVANS, AFCIN-4E

See comment attached
Price 8 Aug
LT. COLONEL PRICE, AFCIN-4X4

Perlbear 9 Aug 60
COLONEL NORMAN N. PERLBERG, AFCIN-4X4

Altho I concur, wish to point out that possibly this could result in "yes, we agree, and then direct the space be withdrawn from some other ATIC area". Lt Col Price

*attached
copy of memo
from
Lt Col Price to
ACSI/E*

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FROM:

ATIC W-P AFB

TIGATIONS MUST BE MADE WITH CURRENTLY AVAILABLE PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES. DUE TO THE COMMITMENT OF ASSIGNED PERSONNEL TO CURRENT INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS, ATIC HAS BEEN UNABLE TO AUGMENT THE UFO EFFORT WITH ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. INVESTIGATION OF UFO SIGHTINGS OF EXTREME SIGNIFICANCE, AND CLOSE TELEPHONE MONITORSHIP OF THE INVESTIGATIONS OF IMPORTANT CASES CONDUCTED BY THE AF BASES, IS THE EXTENT TO WHICH ATIC HAS INSTITUTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF MR SMART. ACTION HAS BEEN INITIATED TO PROGRAM ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO ALLOW THE INVESTIGATION OF OUTSTANDING CASES DURING FY62. UNDER THE CURRENT MANNING DOCUMENT NO INCREASE OF PERSONNEL IS ANTICIPATED FOR THE UFO EFFORT IN FY62. IT IS REQUESTED THAT, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF YOUR OFFICE, THE INFO PERTAINING TO ATIC'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF MR SMART BE PROVIDED TO L/COL TACKER, SAFOI-3d, FOR FORWARDING TO MR SMART.

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9. Narrative: During the week of 11-15 July 1960, briefings on unidentified aerial phenomena were given to members of the Senate Committee on Preparedness, House Armed Forces Committee, House Science and Astronautics Committee and CIA. These briefings were prompted in part by the claims of private UFO organizations that Air Force investigation of sightings left something to be desired. A result of these briefings is that AFIC will investigate sightings which give indication of having special significance.

10. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REQUIRED: Originator : Support

11. NEXT COURSE OF ACTION OR REFERENCES:

12. COORDINATION & APPROVAL:

Maj Robert J. Friend

Col R. R. Shoop

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AFCIN-4E has requested AFCIN-4X6 to initiate the necessary action to obtain the sum of \$3000. These funds will be used by AFCIN-4E2x to perform on-the-spot investigations of significant sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.

The investigation of significant cases of sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena on the scale suggested by the investigating committee is not now within the capability of AFCIN-4E2x.

The assignment of one additional officer is considered mandatory in order to properly perform currently assigned functions as well as the additional investigative duties being proposed. The officer so assigned should be rated and should possess a technical background if he is to contribute maximum effectiveness in the investigation and analysis of unidentified aerial phenomena.

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TO: AFCIN-4 Thru: 4X1

The attached trip report of Major Friend's is forwarded as a matter of information to alert management to do the job requested by the House and Senate Committees to investigate UFO reports which appear to have intelligence scientific or public relations potential. AFCIN-4E will initiate a memorandum to go to AFCIN-P, Colonel Sullivan, requesting the necessary additional funds and personnel. (Reference page 5 of the trip report.)

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PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

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9. Narrative:

Trip Report:

Date: 11-15 July 1960

Place: Dept of Defense (SAFOI-3d, SAFLL, AFCIN-Pla)

Purpose: 1. Brief members of the Senate Committee on Preparedness, House Armed Forces Committee and the House Science and Astronautics Committee on the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Program.
 2. Prepare semi-annual "Fact Sheet" on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena.

10. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REQUIRED:

Originator

: Support

11. NEXT COURSE OF ACTION OR REFERENCES: (1) Initiate steps to secure the necessary funds to allow trips to investigate significant UFO sightings. (2) Summarize cases requested by committees.

12. COORDINATION & APPROVAL:

Maj Robert J. Friend

Col R. R. Shoop

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1. Monday - 11 July 1960. Maj Friend visited with L/Col Sullivan, AFCIN-Pla, for the purpose of briefing him on the status of the UFO Program, and also to coordinate the activities for the week. A meeting was held among L/Col Sullivan, AFCIN-Pla, L/Col Prentiss, AFCIN-1B1, L/Col Tacker, SAFOI-3d, Maj J. Boland, SAFLL, and Maj R. Friend, AFCIN-4E2. At this meeting Maj Boland outlined all of the areas concerning the program which were of special interest to the committees. The principal points were, the Air Force capability as it pertains to the Aerial Phenomena Program, claims relating to classification of reports and withholding information, and specific information concerning the Redmond, Oregon sighting of 24 Sept 59, and the Wash D. C. sighting of 19 July 1952.

2. Tuesday - 12 July 1960. Prepared a draft of the semi-annual "Fact Sheet" (Atch #1). This draft was used as a hand-out at the briefings.

3. Wednesday - 13 July 1960. Briefed Mr Stuart French of the Senate Committee on preparedness. In the general discussion which followed Mr French pointed out that ATIC should have a capability for investigating sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena which appear to have high intelligence, scientific, or public relations potential. Mr French requested that the following cases be summarized and forwarded to him: Redmond, Oregon - 24 Sept 59, Wash D. C. - 19 July 52, Levelland, Texas - 2 Nov 57, and Lubbock, Texas - 25 Aug 51. Mr French stated that he would like to visit the Aerial Phenomena Group at ATIC. Present at the meeting: Mr Stuart French, Senate Committee, L/Col L. Tacker, SAFOI-3d, Maj J. Boland, SAFLL, Maj R. Friend, AFCIN-4E2.

4. Friday - 15 July 1960. Briefed House Armed Forces Committee, House Science and Astronautics Committee, and CIA. Present at the meeting: Mr Robert Smart, Armed Forces Committee, Mr Spencer Beresford, Mr Richard Hines and Mr Frank Hammil, Science

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and Astronautics Committee, Mr John Warner, CIA (Asst for Legislative Liaison to Mr Allen Dulles), Mr Richard Payne, CIA (Tech Advisor), Mr John McLaughlin, Adm Asst to Sec of the Air Force, M/Gen A. H. Leuhman and B/Gen E. B. LeBailly, SAFOI, B/Gen Kingsley and Col James O. McKee, SAFLL, L/Col Sullivan, AFCIN-Pla, L/Col Tacker, SAFOI-3d, Maj J. Boland, SAFLL, Maj R. Friend, AFCIN-4E2 and Dr J. Allen Hynek, Consultant to Project Blue Book. For approximately the first half hour the audience was briefed on the Air Force Aerial Phenomena Program, the method of conducting the program, and an explanation of some of the phenomena and/or objects responsible for sightings. The meeting became a general question and answer session. Mr Smart stated that his interpretation of public claims that the Air Force was withholding information was that it was being withheld from Congressional Committees. Major Friend pointed out that the Air Force was not in the possession of any evidence classified or unclassified which gave any proof or indication that unidentified aerial phenomena were interplanetary vehicles. It was further pointed out to Mr Smart that this would be foolish action on the part of the Air Force since the revelation of such information would be so beneficial to the Air Force appropriations. Regarding classification of UFO reports, it was pointed out that Par #18 of AFR 200-2, dated 14 Sept 1959 (Atch #1), specifically requests that UFO sightings not be classified unless necessary due to supporting information, source, or military potential. Major Friend pointed out that no case in recent years was classified for reasons of the UFO sighting itself. Mr Smart pointed out that the private UFO organizations' claims had a certain amount of weight because of the affiliations of such men as Vice/Admiral Hillenkotter and the number of sightings reported by airline pilots. It was pointed out that the Air Force was not aware of how close the connections were between the

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private UFO organizations and such men as Hillenkotten, and that plans are to write to these men to determine the extent of their connections. Major Friend pointed out that it is without doubt that airline pilots represent reliable sources, but being pilots alone does not qualify them in other scientific or technical areas. It was pointed out that ATIC attempts to assign an officer who is rated, as well as having a technical background to the UFO Program. Major Friend pointed out that he has seen UFO's, experienced their startling effects, and in some instances actually reacted to their presence in an unusual manner. One such experience with the associated scientific explanation was described to the audience. Mr Beresford indicated that the Science and Astronautics Committee had given some attention to unidentified aerial phenomena and that they appeared to have some scientific potential. Mr Smart pointed out that the Air Force bases probably have the capability for investigating the routine cases, but were probably limited when extensive scientific information is required. He indicated that the Committee would be satisfied if they could state that the Air Force has the numbers and the capability to conduct the UFO operation. This to mean that the Aerial Phenomena Group, ATIC, will investigate those cases which appear to have intelligence, scientific, or public relation potential. Mr Smart further pointed out that the Congressional Committees should be kept advised on all pertinent sightings. He further stated that his future stand to constituents would be based on these conditions.

5. General. ATIC is to make the necessary budget arrangements to allow investigation of certain significant UFO sightings. To allow us an interim capability, trips will be authorized from the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. The appropriate accounting symbol will be obtained by telephone during this interim period.

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AFCIN-4E has requested AFCIN-4X6 to initiate the necessary action to obtain the sum of \$3000. These funds will be used by AFCIN-4E2x to perform on-the-spot investigations of significant sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.

The investigation of significant cases of sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena on the scale suggested by the investigating committee is not now within the capability of AFCIN-4E2x.

The assignment of one additional officer is considered mandatory in order to properly perform currently assigned functions as well as the additional investigative duties being proposed. The officer so assigned should be rated and should possess a technical background if he is to contribute maximum effectiveness in the investigation and analysis of unidentified aerial phenomena.

AFCIN-4E2x/Maj Friend/amc/69216/typed 26 July 60

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UFO Case Summaries

SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

1. Attached are summaries of the following UFO cases:

- a. Lubbock, Texas, 25 August 1951
- b. Washington, D. C., 19/20 - 26/27 August 1952
- c. Levelland, Texas, 2, 3, and 4 November 1957
- d. Redmond, Oregon, 24 September 1959

2. The summaries of these cases were requested by Mr Stuart French of the Senate Committee on Preparedness and Mr Robert Smart of the House Armed Forces Committee. This request was made at a briefing on UFO's which was given to these committees during the week of 11-15 July 1960.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Nicholas Post 7/28/60
 for PHILIP G. EVANS
 Colonel, USAF
 Deputy for Science and Components

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- 1. Lubbock, Texas summary
 - 2. Washington, D. C. summary
 - 3. Levelland, Texas summary
 - 4. Redmond, Oregon summary

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AFCIN-4E2x Robert Friend Maj Date 26 July 60
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ATIC Capability for Investigating Sightings of Unidentified
Aerial Phenomena

20 July 1960

AFCIN-4X6

THRU: AFCIN-4E

1. On 15 July 1960, a briefing was held at the Department of Defense for members of the House Armed Forces Committee, House Science and Astronautics Committee and CIA. The subject of the briefing was the Air Force Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Program, and resulted from a recent increase in Congressional interest on the subject. This recent surge of interest is due in part to private UFO organizations complaining that the Air Force investigations of UFO sightings left something to be desired.
2. Mr Robert Smart of the Armed Forces Committee stated that the Air Force should have both the numbers and the capability to properly conduct the program, particularly the area of investigation. This was subsequently pointed out to mean that the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center should investigate those cases which give indication of having high intelligence or scientific potential, and also those which have an unusual amount of public interest.
3. It is estimated that 12-15 cases each year would require investigation by ATIC. It is further estimated that the cost of investigating these sightings will average \$200.00 each, or approximately \$3000.00 per year. It is hoped that utilization of space available military aircraft will reduce the cost of this operation or allow us an extended capability.
4. Investigating these significant cases of sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena, from the standpoint of qualified personnel, is within the capability of AFCIN-4E.
5. It is requested that the necessary action be initiated to make \$3000.00 available to AFCIN-4E for the purpose of investigating significant cases of sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.
6. At the briefing it was decided that ATIC would be provided with an interim capability directly from the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. Appropriate accounting symbols to be requested by telephone.

RICHARD R. SHOOP
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E2

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UFO Briefing

11 July 1960

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1. L/Col Tacker, SAFOI-3d, telephoned Major Friend at 1530, Friday, 8 July 1960, and informed him that an UFO briefing would be held in the AFCIN briefing room at 1400, Wednesday, 13 July 1960. Col Tacker indicated that Mr Stu French and Mr Bob Smart, House Armed Services Committee, Mr John Carstorigan, House Science and Astronautic Committee, Gen Walsh, AFCIN, Gen Kingsley, SAFLL, and Gen LeBailly, SAFOI, will be present. Col Tacker also requested that Major Friend contact Dr Hynek, Air Force Consultant, and Mr Arcier, Scientific Advisor, AFCIN, to insure their presence.
 2. Contact was made with Mr Arcier's office, and it was determined that he will be on leave until 25 July 1960.

RICHARD R. SHOOP
Colonel, USAF
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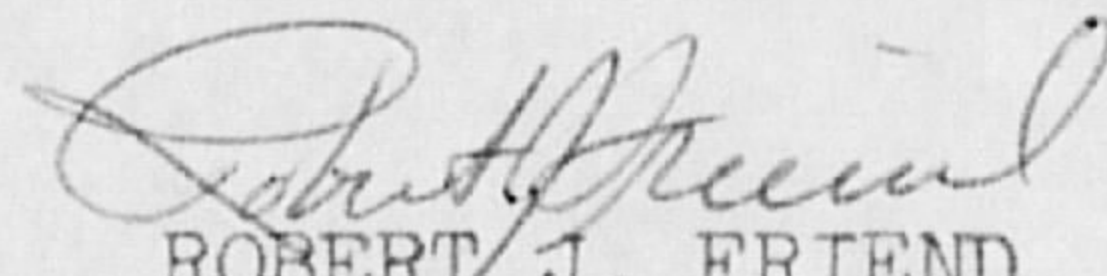
14 June 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Congressman Heistand

1. On 13 June 1960, Col Tacker called Major Friend to inform him that he had been requested to brief Congressman Heistand on the Air Force's UFO program. The reason for the briefing was that Congressman Heistand had a scheduled interview with Mr Harold Salkin. Mr Salkin is one of the two gentlemen who visited ATIC during the week of 30 May as "supposed" representatives of ARGOSY magazine.

Mr Salkin requested the interview to gather information for an article on the UFO subject which is to appear in an early edition of McCALLS magazine.


ROBERT J. FRIEND
Major, USAF
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MEMO FROM OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER

TO: General Dougher

Date 9 June

Col Evans left his copy of Major Friend's memo to him for your info. He said Col Shoop is on top of this, but tho't you should be aware of it.

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Col Shoop

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maybe this matter could be used in the coming appearance of May Tacker - (TV Thurs 23 June "To tell the truth")

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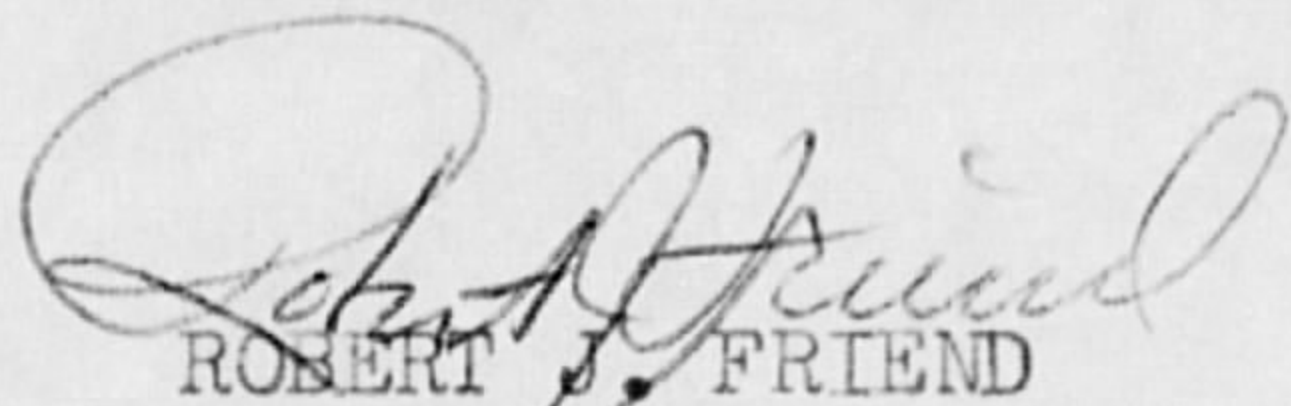
SUBJECT: Possible Congressional Hearing

7 June 1960

TO: AFCIN-4E (Col Evans)

THRU: AFCIN-4E2 (Col Shoop)

Major Tacker, SAFOI-3d, Hq, USAF, Washington, D. C. called Major Friend 7 June and advised him that there is a very strong possibility that a Congressional hearing will be called on UFO. The particular area of concern is with the lack of adequate investigation. Major Tacker indicated that during Major Friend's next trip to Washington it might be profitable to sit down with L&L and discuss the situation. The specific incident which was probably the cause for this concern was a case which was brought to the attention of a Virginia Congressman, and had not been reported to ATIC by Langley AFB. Langley AFB was contacted by phone and they gave their reason for not reporting the incident as the fact that the witness was a chronic reporter of UFO's and they did not feel that the case was worthy of investigation.


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